

CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

1. (Currently Amended) An insert removably provided within a fiber optic cable management tool having at least one concave-shaped arcuate portion, comprising:

at least one curved member having a convex-shaped curved portion that forms a channel with the at least one arcuate portion of the fiber optic cable management tool, the channel having a radius that exceeds the minimum bend radius of a fiber optic cable to be provided in the fiber optic cable management tool.

2. (Original) An insert as recited in claim 1, wherein the channel has a radius that exceeds the minimum bend radius of a fiber optic cable having a diameter less than or equal to 1.7 millimeters.

3. (Original) An insert as recited in claim 1, wherein the channel formed by the curved portion of said at least one curved member and the arcuate portion of the fiber optic cable management tool has a smaller width than a channel provided in the fiber optic cable management tool.

4. (Original) An insert as recited in claim 1, wherein the channel formed by the curved portion of said at least one curved member and the arcuate portion of the fiber optic cable management tool changes orientation of the fiber optic cable to be provided in the fiber optic cable management tool.

5. (Currently Amended) A fiber optic cable guiding insert, comprising:

a first curved member having first and second curved portions, the first curved portion of said first curved member having a radius that exceeds a minimum bend radius of a fiber optic cable to be guided by the insert;

a second curved member having first and second curved portions, the first curved portion of said second curved member having a radius that exceeds the minimum bend radius of the fiber optic cable; and

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a third curved member having first and second curved portions which join each other at a point between the first curved member and the second curved member, wherein the second curved portion of said first curved member and the first curved portion of said third curved member form a first channel having a radius that exceeds the minimum bend radius of the fiber optic cable, and the second curved portion of said second curved member and the second curved portion of said third curved member form a second channel having a radius that exceeds the minimum bend radius of the fiber optic cable.

6. (Original) A fiber optic cable guiding insert as recited in claim 5, wherein said first, second, and third curved members are integrally connected.

7. (Original) A fiber optic cable guiding insert as recited in claim 5, wherein the first curved portion of said first curved member, the first curved portion of said second

curved member, and the first and second channels have radii that exceed the minimum bend radius of a fiber optic cable having a diameter less than or equal to 1.7 millimeters.

8. (Currently Amended) A fiber optic cable guiding insert, comprising:

at least one curved member having first, second, and third curved portions, the first, second, and third curved portions having radii that exceed a minimum bend radius of a fiber optic cable to be guided by the insert, at least two of the curved portions being concave-shaped.

9. (Original) A fiber optic cable guiding insert as recited in claim 8, wherein the first, second, and third curved portions have radii that exceed the minimum bend radius of a fiber optic cable having a diameter less than or equal to 1.7 millimeters.

10. (Currently Amended) A fiber optic cable management system, comprising:

at least one fiber optic cable management tool having a base portion,

at least one concave-shaped arcuate portion disposed on the base portion, and a protruding member extending from the base portion to permit manual grasping of said at least one fiber optic cable management tool; and

at least one insert removably provided within said at least one fiber optic cable management tool and having at least one curved member having a convex-shaped curved portion that forms a channel with the at least one arcuate portion of said at least one fiber

optic cable management tool, the channel having a radius that exceeds the minimum bend radius of a fiber optic cable to be provided within the channel.

11. (Original) A fiber optic cable management system as recited in claim 10, wherein the channel has a radius that exceeds the minimum bend radius of a fiber optic cable having a diameter less than or equal to 1.7 millimeters.

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13. (Original) A fiber optic cable management system as recited in claim 10, wherein the channel formed by the curved portion of said at least one curved member and the arcuate portion of said at least one fiber optic cable management tool changes orientation of the fiber optic cable to be provided in said at least one fiber optic cable management tool.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing a width of a channel provided in a fiber optic cable management tool, comprising

providing an insert within the fiber optic cable management tool, the insert having at least one curved member having a at least two concave-shaped curved portion portions, at least one of which ~~that~~ reduces the width of the channel provided in the fiber optic cable

management tool, the reduced-width channel having a radius that exceeds the minimum bend radius of a fiber optic cable to be provided within the reduced-width channel.

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15. (Original) A method of reducing a width of a channel provided in a fiber optic cable management tool as recited in claim 14, wherein the reduced-width channel has a radius that exceeds the minimum bend radius of a fiber optic cable having a diameter less than or equal to 1.7 millimeters.

16. (Original) A method of reducing a width of a channel provided in a fiber optic cable management tool as recited in claim 14, wherein the reduced-width channel may retain a fiber optic cable having a diameter less than or equal to 1.7 millimeters. ✓
